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AND SEMICONDUCTOR TESTING
APPARATUS FOR SEMICONDUCTOR
DEVICES, AND PROGRAM FOR
EXECUTING SEMICONDUCTOR
TESTING METHOD

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Sir:

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGES

Subject to the approval of the Examiner, it is respectfully requested that Figs. 7 and 18 in the above-captioned application be amended by changing equation term "b-a" to "a-b". The changes are indicated in red on the attached copies of the originally filed drawings. No new matter has been added.

Upon approval of the proposed changes, Applicant respectfully requests that the submission of revised drawings be deferred until after a notice of allowance has issued.

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FIG. 7

EXAMPLE OF DEFINITION FOR CHANGE
RATE "C" OF CURRENT VALUE

WHEN $b > a$

$$C = \frac{b-a}{a}$$

WHEN $a > b$

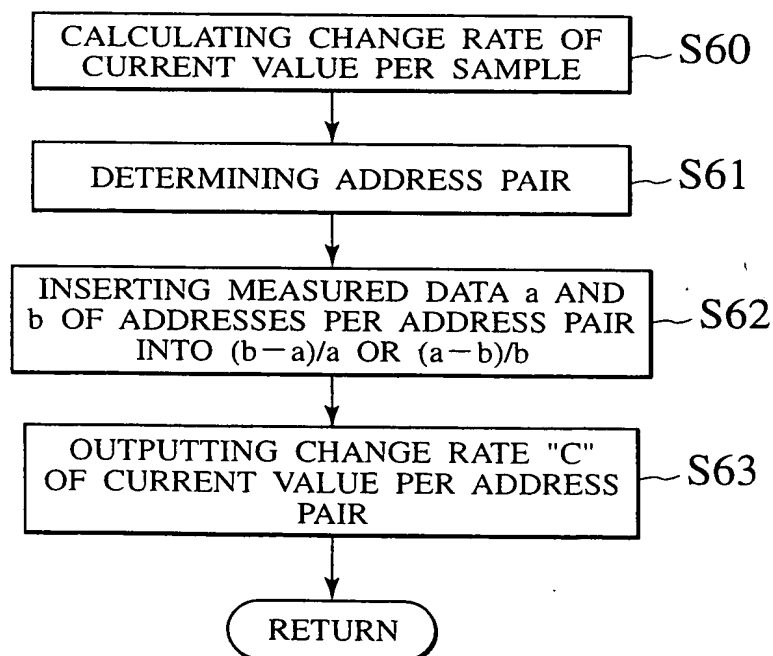
$$C = \frac{b \times a}{b}$$

$a-b$

a: CURRENT VALUE BEFORE CHANGE

b: CURRENT VALUE AFTER CHANGE

FIG. 8





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FIG. 18

WHEN CURRENT VALUE BEFORE CHANGE IS "a", AND, "b" AFTER CHANGE IN OPTIONALLY CHANGEABLE TWO MEASURING ADDRESSES THAT ARE OPTIONALLY CHANGEABLE, CHANGE RATE "C" IS DEFINED AS FOLLOWS.

WHEN $b > a$

$$C = \frac{b-a}{a}$$

WHEN $a > b$

$$C = \frac{a-b}{b}$$

WHEN MIN. VALUE IS C_s AND MAX. VALUE IS C_l IN CHANGE RATES OF PASSE SAMPLE, RANGE "L" OF CHANGE RATE OF PASSED SAMPLE IS AS FOLLOWS.

$$C_s < L < C_l$$

FIG. 19

